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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

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Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) An adapter for screwdriver having elastic retainer ring comprising: a sleeve, a slide ring, a spring and a retainer ring,
15 wherein the slide ring [[being]] is a column member interiorly defined with a multi-stage hole, [[at]] in the a front of [[which]] the multi-stage hole is sequentially provided [[with]] an cone inner ring having increased cone ratio, a secondary inner ring and a big inner ring in turn, the sleeve having a hexagonal socket hole and an annular groove are defined at the front end
20 thereof and at the same an annular groove defined for engaging with of the sleeve, and the annular groove is used to receive a C-shape ring, the retainer ring, the C-shape ring, the spring and a ring are mounted to a assembling diameter of the sleeve, wherein the retainer ring [[has]] is formed with a gap

and also has a an internal diameter of the retainer ring is minor than the assembling diameter of the front end of the sleeve, the retainer ring is further axially provided with a flange in connecting with a downward flange, at the outer periphery of the assembling diameter of the sleeve thereof a hole is
5 defined for the passage of the downward flange, through which, the downward flange is able to engage in [[the]] a retainer groove of the screwdriver bit[[.]];

the retainer ring is further provided at both sides of the downward flange with a notch, respectively.

10 2. (Cancelled)
 3. (Cancelled)
 4. (Cancelled)